

Appreciation of Financial Environment

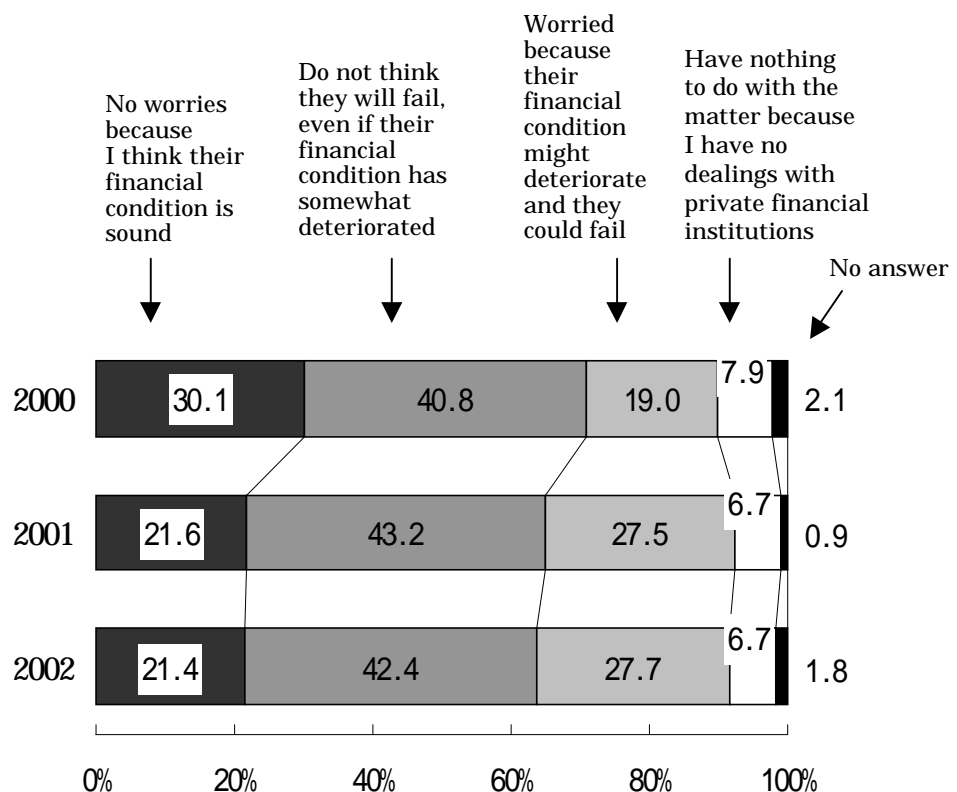
1. Financial Condition of the Financial Institutions That Households Deal With

(a) Perception of Financial Condition

- Regarding the perception of the financial condition of those private financial institutions that households deal with, more than 60% responded “think there are no worries about the failure of the financial condition.”⁴ However, less than 30% of households responded the same as they did last year: “worried about potential failure of the financial condition” [Figure 9].

⁴ Households responding “think there are no worries about the failure of the financial condition” are both those who selected “no worries because I think their financial condition is sound” and those who selected “do not think they will fail, even if their financial condition has somewhat deteriorated.”

Figure 9. Perception of the Financial Condition of the Financial Institutions That Households Deal With <Question 17(b)>

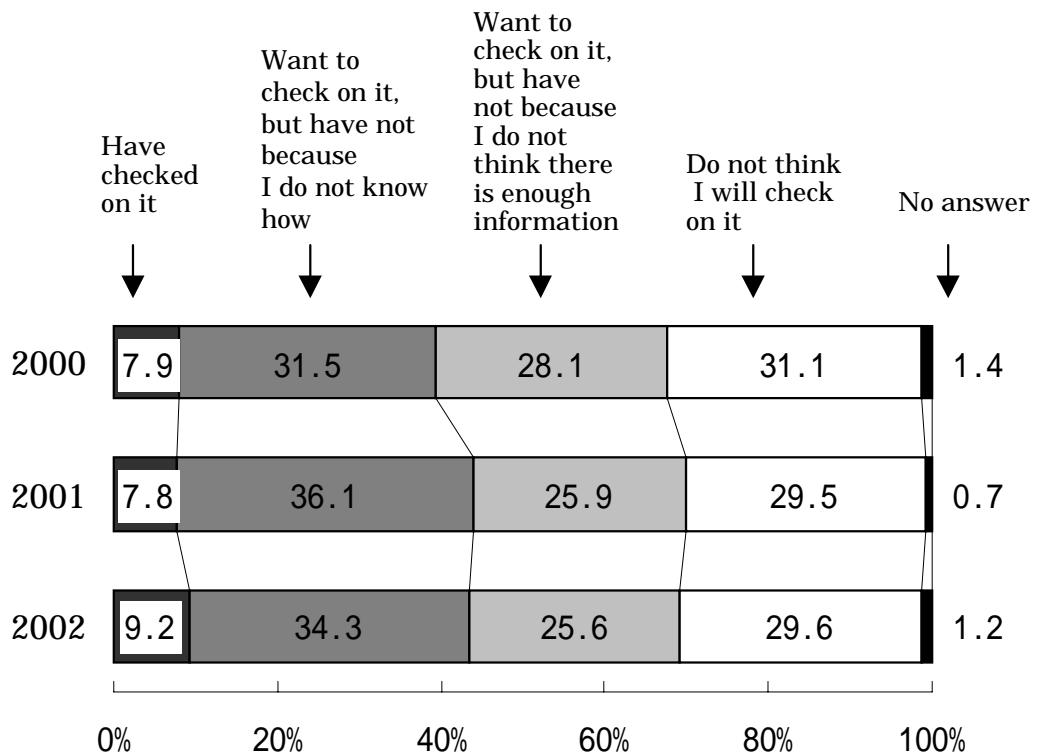


(b) Checking on the Financial Condition of Financial Institutions

- With regard to checking on the financial condition of those private financial institutions they deal with, the percentage of households responding “have checked on it” has increased compared with last year, whereas the percentage of households answering “want to check on it, but have not because I do not know how” has declined [Figure 10].
- Meanwhile, almost 60% of households responded “want to check on it, but have not”⁵ for reasons such as a lack of information about how to check and insufficient information about the financial condition of financial institutions.

⁵ The number of households that “want to check on it, but have not” is the total of households responding “want to check on it, but have not because I do not know how” and those responding “want to check on it, but have not because I do not think there is enough information.”

Figure 10. Checking on Financial Condition of Financial Institutions
<Question 17(c)>



2. Extent to Which the Deposit Insurance System Is Recognized

- Regarding to what extent the deposit insurance system is recognized, the percentage of households responding “yes, even know about the details” has increased and exceeds 80% when combined with those households answering “have heard or read something about it.” Meanwhile, the percentage of households responding “no, do not know anything about it” has decreased [Figure 11].
- Almost all households having more than ¥10 million of deposits and savings (excluding postal savings) know about the deposit insurance system, and 60% of them answered “yes, even know about the details” [Figure 12].
- When the question was asked about what details they knew, more than 80% of those households answering “know about the system”⁶ among households having deposits and savings (excluding postal savings) responded as follows: “know about basic details such as that the full amount of payment and settlement account deposit is protected under the system until end-March 2003, and that ¥10 million in deposit principal and its interest income are protected on a per-financial institution and per-depositor basis for other types of deposits.” However, other details such as “foreign currency deposits and investment trusts are not covered by the system” and “Japanese branches of foreign banks not headquartered in Japan are not covered by the system” are understood by only about 20% of those households [Figure 12].

⁶ The households that “know about the system” are the total of those who “even know about the details” and who “have heard or read something about it.”

Figure 11. Extent to Which the Deposit Insurance System Is Recognized
<Question 14(a)>

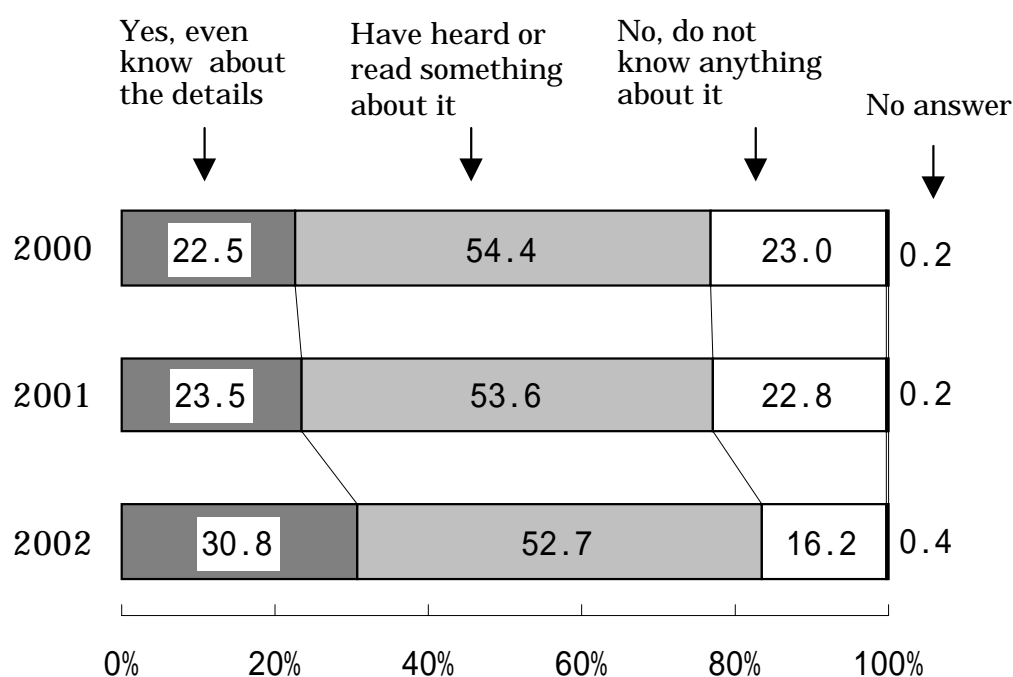
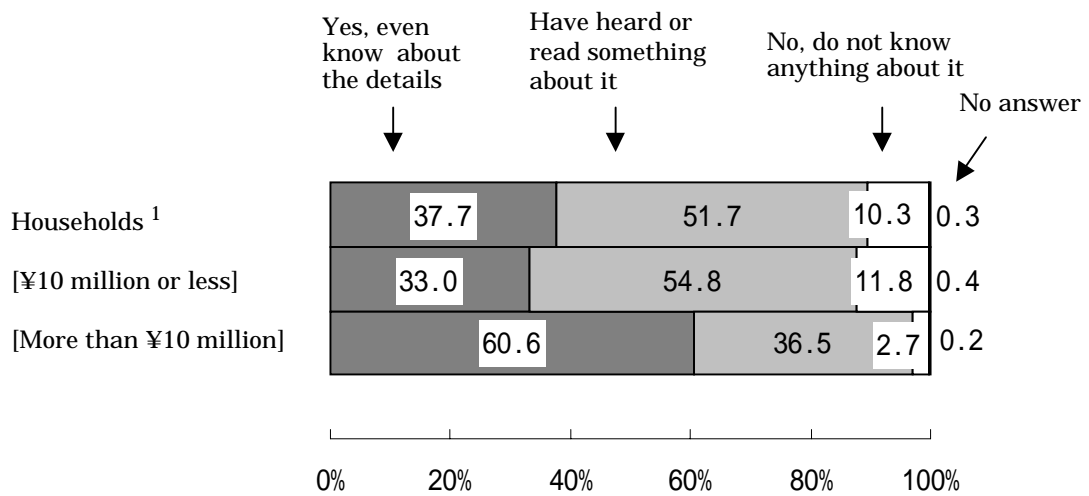
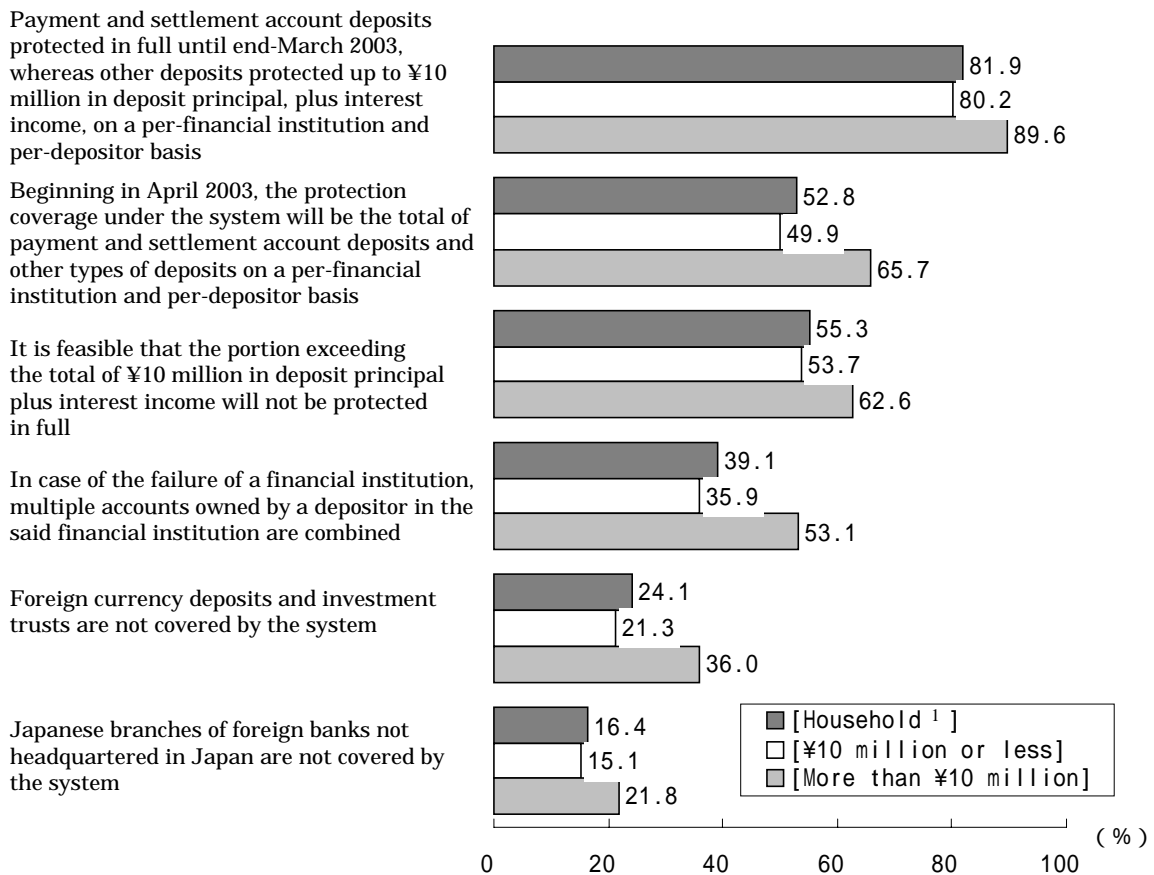


Figure 12. Extent to Which the Deposit Insurance System Is Recognized in Households Having Deposits and Savings (Excluding Postal Savings) <Questions 14(a) and 14(b)>



¹ Households having deposits and savings (excluding postal savings).

Extent to Which Details of the Deposit Insurance System Are Recognized (Respondents were allowed to choose multiple answers.)



Note: Households that know about the system = 100%.

¹ Households having deposits and savings (excluding postal savings).